

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action mailed on January 19, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and the above identified amendments have been provided to thoroughly address each of the rejections provided by the examiner in that Office action. In addition, the following remarks are submitted to clarify and explain the importance of the above amendments and to support a finding by the examiner that the claims, as amended, are now in a form warranting allowance of this case. Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration by the examiner in this case.

At the outset, applicant notes that the examiner had indicated that claims 21-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has chosen to amend these claims as proposed by the examiner to place them in allowable form.

In particular, claim 21 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 20 and to be placed in independent form. Claims 22-24 depend from claim 21 and thus benefit from the amendments made to claim 21 and are also in allowable form. Claim 25 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 20 and to be placed in independent form. Claims 26-28 depend from claim 25 and thus benefit from the amendments made to claim 25 and should now also be in allowable form.

Claims 1-19 and 29-37 have been canceled. By cancellation of these rejected claims, all of the rejections in the most recent Office action have been addressed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon consideration, the examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, the undersigned requests that the examiner call the undersigned to set up a personal or telephone interview with the undersigned to resolve any such remaining issues.

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